IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

SATURDAY, THE 18TH AUGUST 2007 / 27TH SRAVANA 1929

WP(C).No. 24788 of 2007(A)

PETITIONER:

V.A.VINCENT, S/O.AUGUSTINE, AGED 56
YEARS, RESIDING AT VILAKKUMADATHIL,
H.NO.19/1980, PALLURUTHY P.O., ERNAKULAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SMT.DAISY A.PHILIPOSE

RESPONDENTS:

KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY ITS
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

BY S.C. SRI.JOHNSON P. HOHN.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K. Basheer, J.

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W.P(C) No. 24788 of 2007

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Dated this the 18th day of August, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner is a retired employee of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. He prays for issuance of a writ of mandamus or such other appropriate writ, order or direction to the Corporation to release his pensionary benefits like DCRG, commuted value of pension, Provident Fund etc., immediately.

2. Petitioner retired from service on December 31, 2006 while he was working as Vehicle Supervisor. It is contended by him that unless the retiral benefits are disbursed to him immediately, State Bank of Travancore, Kumbalanghi Branch may proceed against him for recovery of the amounts due towards the loan which he had availed of for the purpose of construction of his house.

3. Learned Standing Counsel for the Corporation points out that the retiral benefits are being disbursed to employees in terms of the direction issued by a Division Bench of this Court in WA.No.289/2001. The Corporation has disbursed the benefits to those employees who had retired upto to October 2003.

Having regard to the fact that thousands of other retired employees are waiting in the queue, I do not find any special reason why petitioner should be allowed to break the queue. Petitioner has to necessarily await his turn. However, petitioner has to be paid the amounts lying to his credit in the Provident Fund account and the Welfare Fund account. Those amounts shall be released to the

petitioner with statutory interest thereon as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

Writ Petition is disposed of in the above terms.

A.K. Basheer
Judge.

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